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SUBJECT: PRESENTATION OF KENYA SURVEY REPORT

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1. MORNING OF JULY 17 GEN. HILL PRESENTED SURVEY REPORT TO MINISTRY OF DEFENCE(MOD). GENERAL WAS ACCOMPANIED BY TEAM MEMBERS SOMMERS AND BRADFORD, AS WELL AS BY DCM BLANE AND POLOFF HOFFMAN. MOD WAS REPRESENTED BY PERM SEC KIEREININ, CHIEF OF STAFF BRIGADIER KAKENYI AND MOD STAFF OFFICERS LT. COLS. MUSOMBA AND CARDOZA. PRESENTATION INCLUDED DETAILED REVIEW OF TOTAL REPORT WITH SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON VARIOUS MILITARY MODERNIZATION ALTERNATIVES. GEN. HILL NOTED THAT REGARDLESS OF ULTIMATE MODERNIZATION PROGRAM ADOPTED, USG RECOMMENDS GOK IMPLEMENT ALTERNATIVE D IMPROVEMENTS WHICH

WOULD ENHANCE ARMED FORCES COMBAT POWER AND MAKE MORE EFFECTIVE USE OF DEFENSE RESOURCES. CONCERNING ENLARGEMENT/MODERNIZATION OF ARMED FORCES, GEN. HILL SAID THIS WAS ENTIRELY A GOK DECISION, WHICH SHOULD BE MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE BENEFITS/RISKS/ AND COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE VARIOUS ALTERNATIVES.

2. DRAWING ON REFTEL INSTURCTIONS, GEN. HILL THEN
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OUTLINED PROBABLE USG PARTICIPATION IN KENYA MODERNIZATION PROGRAM. TO ASSURE THAT THERE WAS NO MISUNDERSTANDING ON THIS POINT, COPY OF TALKING POINTS CONTAINED REFTEL LEFT WITH PERM SEC.

3. MOD REACTION TO REPORT DIFFICULT TO GAUGE AT THIS TIME, OTHER THAN GOK CONCERN OVER FINANCING OF MODERNI-

ZATION PROGRAMS. PERMSEC EXPRESSED KENYAN HOPE FOR GRANT ASSISTANCE, BUT SEEMED APPRECIATIVE OF ADDITIONAL FMS CREDITS. TEAM EMPHASIZED USG NOT IN A POSITION TO PROVIDE GRANT ASSISTANCE.

4. IN CLOSING, PERM SEC ASKED THAT GEN. HILL BRIEF SURVEY REPORT TO SERVICE COMMANDERS ON JULY 18 RESERVING JULY 19 AND 20 FOR FOLLOW-UP SESSIONS. PERM SEC AND MOD STAFF LEFT MEETING IMMEDIATELY TO BEGIN STUDY OF REPORT. PERM SEC INDICATED GOK PLANNED TO PROVIDE THEIR OFFICIAL REACTION/REQUESTS PRIOR TO GEN. HILL'S DEPARTURE. LEMELLE

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